



wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>70</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group with the proviso that when R<sub>71</sub> is hydrogen as hereinafter described, R<sub>70</sub> is not hydrogen;

R<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group or is absent when R<sub>6</sub> represents a group -CH= as hereinafter described;

R<sub>73</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an optional substituent or is absent when R<sub>6</sub> represents a methylene group or a group -CH= as hereinafter described;

Y represents an optional substituent;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R<sub>74</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group;

R<sub>7</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R<sub>75</sub> represents an optionally substituted alkyl group or -Q'-C(O)X, wherein Q' is an optionally substituted -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH-, -CH<sub>2</sub>C≡C- or phenylene, X is -OR<sub>8</sub>, -SR<sub>8</sub>, or -NR<sub>9</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, and R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group; and

i) R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>71</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group; and R<sub>72</sub> represents a hydrogen atom; or

ii) R<sub>6</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl or acyl group and R<sub>71</sub> and R<sub>72</sub> are joined together such that a double bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which they are attached;

with the proviso that when

R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>70</sub> and R<sub>71</sub> are methyl;

R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>72</sub>, R<sub>73</sub> and R<sub>74</sub> are hydrogen;

R<sub>3</sub> is t-butyl;

R<sub>75</sub> is -CH(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)C(H)=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)COOH; and

n is 0, R<sub>1</sub> is not methyl.

2. (Twice Amended) A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom;

R<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl group, or an acyl group;

R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

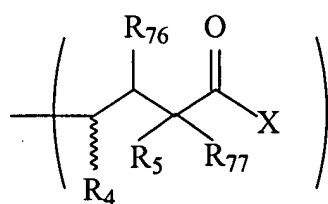
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R<sub>7</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R<sub>6</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

R<sub>75</sub> represents a group of general formula III,



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wherein R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group; R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R<sub>76</sub> and R<sub>77</sub> each represent a hydrogen atom or R<sub>76</sub> and R<sub>77</sub> are joined so that a C=C bond is formed between the carbon atoms to which R<sub>76</sub> and R<sub>77</sub> are attached; and X represents a group -OR<sub>8</sub> or a group -NR<sub>9</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, wherein R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. (Twice Amended) A compound of general formula I described in claim 1, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group;

R<sub>2</sub> represents an acyl group;

R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an optionally substituted alkyl group;

n represents 0;

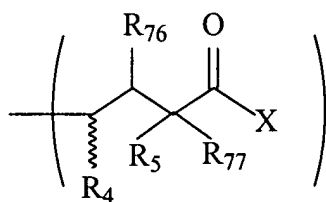
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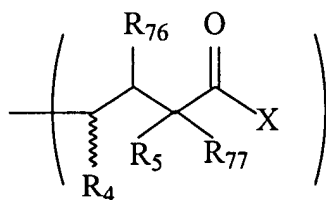
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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 8-12 are pending.

The amendments to claims 1-4 have been made to delete non-elected subject matter. For instance, the proviso of "when R<sub>71</sub> is hydrogen as hereinafter described, R<sub>70</sub>